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SUBJECT: YCW DETENTIONS: INTERNATIONAL PROTEST

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1. ACCORDING TO SEVERAL JUNE 25 LOCAL PRESS ITEMS, THE INTERNATIONAL PROTEST AGAINST THE DETENTION OF 19 LEADERS OF THE YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKERS CONTINUES TO GAIN MOMENTUM.
2. THE SUNDAY TIMES REPORTS THAT THE VATICAN SECRETARIAT OF STATE HAS ASKED ITS DELEGATION IN PRETORIA FOR FULL DETAILS OF THE WAVE OF YCW ARRESTS IN THE PAST SIX WEEKS.

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3. THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY SOUTHERN CROSS REPORTS THAT THE BRUSSELS BASED WORLD CONFEDERATION OF LABOR HAS WRITTEN TO PRIMEMINISTER JOHN VORSTER ASKING HIM TO INTERVENE TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF THE DETAINED YCW LEADERS.

4. THE SUNDAY TRIBUNE AND BLACK CIRCULATION POST IN-

DICATE RECEIPT OF NUMEROUS PROTESTS FROM SPAIN AND
PORTUGAL.

5. COMMENT: IN APPARENT RESPONSE TO YCW CHAPLAIN
GERARD DE FLEURIOT'S CLAIM THAT THE ARREST OF YCW
MEMBERS CONSTITUTES PERSECUTION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH,
THE DEPUTY HEAD OF THE SECURITY POLICE, BRIGADIER JOHN
COETZEE, IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID SUCH DETENTIONS ARE
"NOT NECESSARILY DIRECTED AT ORGANIZATIONS BUT RATHER
AT INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THEM". JOHNSON

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